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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-57 (Cancelled)

Claims 58-80 (Cancelled)

Claim 81 (New): A method of treating hypertension in a human, the method comprising the step of administering an effective amount of secretin to ameliorate the hypertension.

Claim 82 (New): The method of claim 81 wherein said effective amount of secretin is at least 1U/kg of body weight of the human.

Claim 83 (New): A method of treating hypertension in a human, the method comprising the step of administering a composition consisting of secretin in an amount of at least 1U/kg of body weight of the human.